

ENDING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, recent OSHA statistics show assault to be a significant and rising cause of workplace fatalities; and

WHEREAS, during one quarter of 2022, a study showed more than two nurses were assaulted every hour in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a mass workplace shooting in Half Moon Bay, California, in early 2022 took the lives of seven workers; and

WHEREAS, workers, particularly in the healthcare sector, are facing a rise in workplace violence; and

WHEREAS, no worker should fear for their safety and well-being at work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED OPEIU will continue to promote protections for workers, including but not limited to workers in the healthcare sector, through the collective bargaining process and through legislative action, in service of eliminating the threat of workplace violence.

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